

REMARKS

The amendments to the claims are fully supported by the specification and claims as originally filed and do not constitute new matter.

Claims 39-43 have been amended to further clarify what Applicants have always regarded as their invention. As the claims are directed towards polypeptides, not nucleic acids, Claims 39-43 have been amended to remove the recitation of the phrase "encoded by said nucleic acid."

Applicants believe that the current amendment raises no new issues and places all claims in a better form for consideration on appeal. In particular, the amendment removes any potential grounds for rejections or objections to the claims for lack of antecedent basis for the recitation of "said nucleic acid." Accordingly, the consideration and entry of the present amendment after final rejection is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-1641 (referencing Attorney's Docket No. 39780-1618 P2C7).

Respectfully submitted,

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